Application Number 09/527,717

**REMARKS** 

This Amendment is responsive to the Decision on Appeal dated January 25, 2012.

Decision on Appeal affirmed the rejection of claims 13 and 16-26, but reversed the Examiner's

rejection of claim 27.

On February 7, 2012, the Examiner issued a Notice of Abandonment. Applicant has

submitted a request to withdraw the Notice of Abandonment concurrent with this Amendment.

The Notice of Abandonment is improper at least because the Decision on Appeal did not affirm

the rejections of all of the claims.

Applicant has amended claims 13 and 16-25. Applicant has canceled claims 14, 15, 26,

and 27. Claims 13 and 16-25 are pending upon entry of this communication.

Specifically, Applicant has amended independent claims 13, 16 and 23 to include the

elements of claim 27. Claims 17-22 depend from claim 16. Claims 24 and 25 depend from

claim 23. Accordingly, claims 13 and 16-25 are in condition for allowance.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number

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50-1778. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this

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